## SPECIAL AGENT MATT LOWRY 2-13-15

Special Agent Matt Lowry, throughout his tenure as an FBI agent, suffered from a serious medical condition. This condition was treated for a number of years by a physician who prescribed a regime of treatment that controlled the potentially debilitating side-effects of this condition. When this doctor left private practice to join a government medical research agency, Special Agent Lowry searched for a new physician. His new doctor prescribed power pain medications for his condition. These medications covered up the pain, but did not address the medical conditions. This physician failed to advise Agent Lowry of the highly addictive characteristics of these drugs and the prescribing of pain medications to address his medical condition was not consistent with proper medical treatment of that condition. Agent Lowry subsequently became dependent upon and then addicted to these drugs. At one point Agent Lowry went to new doctor's office to see the doctor and was told the doctor was no longer in practice there. To this day, Agent Lowry does not know what happened to that doctor

Recognizing that he was addicted, Agent Lowry initially and unsuccessfully attempted to go "cold turkey" but the addiction was over powering and he began to self-medicate himself by removing small quantities of heroin from evidence seized during the course of certain narcotics investigations as a substitute for the pain medications to which he had become addicted.

Almost immediately after Agent Lowry was discovered in his vehicle on , he acknowledged his addiction, sought treatment and agreed to fully disclosed to prosecutors and FBI investigators the specifics of his conduct in this matter. Agent Lowry has spent dozens of hours reviewing his conduct and assisting prosecutors and investigators in identifying the evidence items that were affected by his conduct. He is devastated by the impact his conduct has had on the investigations in which he was involved and is committed to doing whatever he can to bring this investigation to a prompt and fair conclusion.

Agent Lowry has been fully cooperative, candid and open in discussing all of his conduct with prosecutors and investigators and will continue to do so.

At no time did Agent Lowry distribute drugs to anyone else or convert any other evidence or property to any improper use.

Since the time he was a little boy he has wanted nothing more than to be a law enforcement officer. His father was a highly respected law enforcement official and Agent Lowry aspired to follow in his father's footsteps. [See attached picture of Agent Lowry as a young boy in a police uniform created for him by his parents]. Agent Lowry continues to battle serious medical issues as he works with prosecutors and law enforcement officials to bring this matter to an expeditious conclusion

## **OTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Some significant events in his personal history are detailed below:

2011-2013-Member of the FBI Washington Field Office SWAT team as a TOC member.

2009-2012- While a member of a FBI WFO Counterintelligence squad initiated a very successful undercover operation. Received an Outstanding Performance Appraisal rating. Received numerous accommodations and citations. Implemented a surveillance training program.

2009- Received the "Director's Leadership Award" for FBI New Agent's class 09-10. The award is given to the New Agent who best exemplifies leadership for the entire class.

2007-Graduated from University of Maryland Graduate School with a Degree in International Management and Finance –Completed courses while working full-time for the FBI.

July 2003-March 2009. Member of Special Surveillance Group with FBI(Washington Field Office). Acting Team Leader for 2 years. Receiving numerous accommodations, on-the-spot awards, and citations. Received an Outstanding Performance Appraisal Report (Outstanding is highest level of achievement). Volunteered for numerous lengthy TDY assignments. Volunteered to mentor students at inner-city schools in DC. Received the Top Driver Award at TEVOC for SSG Basic class 60

2002-Received the Prince George's County Police Department Chief's Award for performance conducted while a member of the Carjacking Task Force. Implemented the "Community Based Carjacking Initiative" county-wide program.

2002 –Graduated with Honors(Magna Cum Laude) from University of Maryland. Completed college in 3 years with a 3.9 GPA. Received the "Maryland Distinguished Scholar" Award in 2002 from the University of Maryland, College Park

He graduated from the University of Maryland, Cum Laude, in 2002 with a degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology. He was a College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Scholar and completed his Bachelor program in 3 years

While working full-time with the FBI he completed the Master of Science program at the University of Maryland in internal finance and management.

